



**Human Relations Commission**  
Wednesday, August 14, 2019, 6:15 P.M.  
Mayor and Council Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
255 W. Alameda Tucson, Arizona



## **Legal Action Report**

### **1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Dalton at 6:30 p.m. Those present and absent were:

**Present:**

Manuel Guzman, Vice Chair	Ward 1
John Dalton, Chair	Ward 3
Rev. Raven Gaston	Ward 4
Maddy Urken	Ward 6
Jesse Segebartt	GLBT

**Absent:**

Dr. June Webb-Vignery	Ward 5
Jean Steve Mfuranizima	Advisory Member
Tamara Statman	Advisory Member
Devon Henderson	Advisory Member
Alishia Qadri	Advisory Member

**Staff Members Present:**

Cindy Leyba, Secretary	City Clerk's Office
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**Guests Present:**

German Banacek Alvarez	Consulate General of the Republic of El Salvador
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### **2. Approval of Summary Minutes: May 8, 2019**

It was moved by Vice Chair Guzman, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Commissioner Webb-Vignery absent), to approve the May 8, 2019 Summary Minutes.

### **3. Call to the Audience**

None

**4. Presentation/Discussion with Consul General German Alvarez and Staff of the Consulate General of the Republic of El Salvador**

Presentation given by German Banacek Alvarez, Consulate General of the Republic of El Salvador, regarding Municipal I.D.'s for residents and the potential benefits, especially economic, to both the residents and the City of Tucson. Mr. Alvarez advised he would also be submitting an invitation to the Commission members for the grand opening of a local El Salvadoran restaurant opening.

Discussion held, no action taken.

**5. Subcommittee Reports and Discussion**

a. Rosa Parks & Ray Davies Funds

No report given.

b. Strategic Planning

Subcommittee report was given by Chair Dalton. Discussion was held, no action taken.

c. Diversity Report

No report given.

d. Human Rights Standards in Procurement

No report given.

**6. Hosting Cultural Event Focusing on the Middle East, Concentrating on the State of Kuwait**

Chair Dalton spoke about a recent meeting with the Consulate General of Kuwait regarding events put on in various cities where the goal was to give back to the community while exposing them to a cultural experience focusing on the Middle East, specifically Kuwait. The Consulate General of Kuwait stated he and other related groups would be willing to travel to assist in putting together an event in Tucson, along with a monetary commitment of up to 5,000 dollars to aid in putting the event together.

Discussion was held, and will continue, during the next Strategic Planning Subcommittee meeting.

**7. Update regarding Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues**

Commissioner Segebartt introduced himself and gave a brief background. He also updated the Commission on recent meetings and issues surrounding the GLBT Commission, as well as upcoming projects in the works.

Discussion held, no action taken.

**8. Human Relations Commission Appointment to the Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues**

Chair Dalton advised there was an opening for a commissioner to be appointed as the reciprocal member to the GLBT Commission. He stated due to current vacancies and elections, the appointment could be temporary until a more permanent one could be made.

It was moved by Vice Chair Guzman, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Commissioner Webb-Vignery absent), to appoint Chair Dalton as the reciprocal appointment to the Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues (GLBT).

**9. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events**

Chair Dalton reported on the following:

Summer Winds Recital event, hosted by the Consulate General of Mexico, on Friday, August 2, 2019.

Youth Mental Health First Aid event, Saturday, September 28, 2019, at 13450 North Lon Adams, Marana AZ.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Ambassadors Ball, Omni Scottsdale Resort at Montelucan, Saturday, November 16, 2019.

**10. Commissioners' Summary of Current Events**

Commissioner Gaston reported on the following:

Recent interfaith service related to immigration, put on by Pima County Interfaith Council (PCIC).

Vice Chair Guzman reported on the following:

Acknowledgement of recent vigils and community events in support of El Paso and other cities that have experienced incidents of gun violence.

## **11. Vacancies & Advisory Positions**

Chair John Dalton updated the commission on current vacancies; Mayor and Ward 2. He asked if there were any recommendations, to bring those to the next meeting. He stated another option would be to talk to current advisory members and see if they had an interest in becoming a commissioner. Vice Chair Guzman suggested the Commission should also take a look at candidates from groups that are not represented by current commission members.

## **12. Special Recognition Requests**

There were none, no action taken.

## **13. Future Agenda Items - Information Only**

- Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer
- Amendment to Bylaws, removing the position of Treasurer
- Annual Bylaw review
- Immigrant Welcoming City Status
- Invitation to City Attorney, regarding limitations on topic discussions
- Access to HRC Historical Documents

## **14. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.